

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ELSA GULINO, MAYLING RALPH, PETER WILDS,  
and NIA GREENE, on behalf of themselves and all others  
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF[ THE CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendant.

96 Civ. 8414 (KMW)

WHEREAS, the Court certified a remedy-phase class of Plaintiffs (*See Gulino v. Bd. of Educ. of the City Sch. Dist. of the City of N.Y.*, Opinion and Order, No. 96-cv-8414, [ECF No. 386]), and Mr. Matterson (“Claimant”) is a member of that class;

WHEREAS, the Court appointed a Special Master (*See* May 20, 2014 Order of Appointment, [ECF No. 435]; November 12, 2014 Second Amended Order of Appointment, [ECF No. 524]) to hear, among other things, demands for damages;

WHEREAS, the Special Master held a hearing on March 3, 2020, with respect to Mr. Matterson's demand for damages and Defendant's objections;

WHEREAS, the Special Master made, and the Court adopted, Classwide Conclusions of Law, [ECF Nos. 999, 1008]);

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of New York (“BOE”) and Plaintiffs entered into, and the Court so ordered, a Stipulation of Classwide Facts & Procedures, [ECF No. 1009];

WHEREAS, the BOE and Plaintiffs entered into, and the Court so ordered, a Fifth Supplemental Stipulation Concerning Admissibility of Exhibits, which attached a Fifth Supplemental Index of Exhibits (collectively referred to as the “Classwide Exhibits”) filed with the Court, [ECF No. 5942];

WHEREAS, the Special Master made Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Eric Matterson, annexed hereto as Exhibit 1, that he recommended the Court adopt;

WHEREAS, the Special Master recommended, and the parties agreed with the Special Master's recommendation, that the Court certify this judgment as final and appealable pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b);

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the annexed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Eric Matterson (Exhibit 1) is adopted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Eric Matterson will have judgment against the BOE as follows:

1. LAST Fees in the amount of \$230; and
2. Pre-judgment interest calculated to be \$75; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Court adopts the Special Master's recommendation that this judgment be certified as final and appealable pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b) and expressly determines that there is no just reason for delay for the reasons stated in the Special Master's Report and Recommendation.

This Judgment Entry is certified and entered by the Court pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: 10/8/20

ENTERED

/s/ Kimba M. Wood

# Exhibit 1

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**PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR  
ERIC MATTERSON**

I. **PROCEDURAL HISTORY — ERIC MATTERSON**

- A. As contemplated by the scheduling order in this case, on January 23, 2020, Plaintiffs' counsel ("Plaintiffs") submitted Eric Matterson's demand for damages (the "Demand") to the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of New York ("BOE" or "Defendant").
- B. On February 6, 2020, the parties agreed, based on the Special Master's prior rulings, that Mr. Matterson is entitled to monetary relief in the amount of \$230, plus pre-judgment interest.
- C. During a conference held by the Special Master on March 3, 2020, Defendant did not request a hearing and did not contest Mr. Matterson's credibility.<sup>1</sup>
- D. Accordingly, the Special Master ruled that Mr. Matterson satisfied his burden of proving that \$230, plus pre-judgment interest, is the appropriate total damages amount based on the evidence presented.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See March 3, 2020 Special Master Conference Summary, at GULCS 000960-976 [ECF No. 4950].

<sup>2</sup> See *id.*

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT — ERIC MATTERSON

### A. Background and Class Membership

1. Eric Matterson is an African-American man, who was employed by the BOE as a teacher after June 29, 1995.<sup>3</sup>
2. Mr. Matterson failed the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (“LAST”).<sup>4</sup>
3. Because Mr. Matterson failed the LAST, the BOE did not hire him for a regularly appointed teacher position.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See Stipulated Exhibit E, referenced in the so-ordered Fifth Supplemental Stipulation Concerning Admissibility of Exhibits [ECF No. 5942] (the “Classwide Exhibits”), at GULEX 1100.000001; Stipulated Exhibit F, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000002; Stipulated Exhibit G, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000001; Stipulated Exhibit J, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000002; Stipulated Exhibit K, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000003; Stipulated Exhibit L, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000004; Stipulated Exhibit R, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000005; Stipulated Exhibit S, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000006; Stipulated Exhibit AE, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000006; Stipulated Exhibit AF, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000013; Stipulated Exhibit AG, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000007; Stipulated Exhibit AH, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1300.000015; Stipulated Exhibit AK, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000008; Stipulated Exhibit AL, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000009; Stipulated Exhibit AM, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000010; Stipulated Exhibit AN, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000011; Stipulated Exhibit AP, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1300.000016; Stipulated Exhibit AQ, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000013; Stipulated Exhibit AR, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000014; Stipulated Exhibit AS, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000015; Stipulated Exhibit AT, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000016; Stipulated Exhibit AU, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1300.000017; Stipulated Exhibit AX, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000017; Stipulated Exhibit AV, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000014; Stipulated Exhibit AW, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000015; Stipulated Exhibit AY, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000018; Stipulated Exhibit AZ, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000019; Stipulated Exhibit BA, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000020; Stipulated Exhibit BC, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000021; Stipulated Exhibit BD, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000016; Stipulated Exhibit BE, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1300.000018; Stipulated Exhibit BF, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000022; Stipulated Exhibit BG, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000023; Stipulated Exhibit BH, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000017; Stipulated Exhibit BI, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000024; Stipulated Exhibit BJ, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1300.000019; Stipulated Exhibit BS, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000018; Stipulated Exhibit BT, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000019; Stipulated Exhibit BU, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000025; Stipulated Exhibit BV, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000026; Stipulated Exhibit BW, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000027; Stipulated Exhibit BX, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1300.000020; Stipulated Exhibit BY, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000020; Stipulated Exhibit BZ, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000028; Stipulated Exhibit CA, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000029; Stipulated Exhibit CB, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000021; Stipulated Exhibit CD, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1300.000021; Stipulated Exhibit CE, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1100.000030; Stipulated Exhibit CF, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000022; Stipulated Exhibit CG, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1300.000022; Stipulated Exhibit CH, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000023; Stipulated Exhibit UU, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000007; Stipulated Exhibit VV, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000008; Stipulated Exhibit WW, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000009; Stipulated Exhibit XX, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000010; Stipulated Exhibit YY, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000011; Stipulated Exhibit ZZ, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1200.000012 (collectively, “BOE Payroll and Service Data”).

<sup>4</sup> See Stipulated Exhibit EE, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1400.000001.

<sup>5</sup> See BOE Payroll and Service Data.

4. Mr. Matterson submitted a claim form in this case and is a member of the Plaintiff class.
5. Accordingly, Mr. Matterson is entitled to monetary relief from the BOE as compensation for the injuries he suffered as a result of the BOE's discrimination.<sup>6</sup>

B. Monetary Relief

Mr. Matterson is entitled to \$230 to compensate him for the fees he paid to take the LAST.<sup>7</sup>

C. Pre-Judgment Interest

Mr. Matterson is entitled to \$75 in pre-judgment interest.

DATED: September 18, 2020  
New York, New York

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<sup>6</sup> See *Gulino v. Bd. of Educ. of the City Sch. Dist. of the City of N.Y.*, Opinion and Order, 1:96-cv-08414, [ECF No. 321]; *Gulino v. Bd. of Educ. of the City Sch. Dist. of the City of N.Y.*, Opinion and Order, 1:96-cv-08414, [ECF No. 386].

<sup>7</sup> See Stipulated Exhibit FF, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1500.000001-63; see also Stipulated Exhibit EE, Classwide Exhibits at GULEX 1400.000001.